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This grant provided essential financial support for the Gordon Research Conference on Nonlinear Optics which was held August 1-6, 1993, at Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. The objective of this conference was to bring together scientists so they could exchange recent research results and the conference provided a mechanism for the development of close interactions between these scientists.

The conference was attended by 135 conferees. There were participants representing academic, industrial, and government institutions. In addition, there were attendees from Canada, Germany, Israel, France, United Kingdom, Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Japan, Australia, Austria, Spain, and Greece.

The quality of all of the lectures was exceptionally high and considerable discussion followed each lecture. Many of the conferees expressed very favorable comments about the intellectual stimulation provided by this conference.

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1993 Gordon Research Conference on Nonlinear Optics and Lasers

August 1st through 6th, 1993, Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, NH
Dana Z. Anderson (Chair), Yaron Silberberg (Vice-Chair)

Program Schedule

Sunday

Bus arrives 6:00 pm

Participant registration

7:00 pm DINNER

8:30 pm Chairman's reception

Monday

7:45 - 8:45 BREAKFAST

8:45 - 9:00 Welcome to Brewster Academy by Tim Radley

Monday Morning: Nonlinear optical effects and materials

Discussion Leader: D. Hanna

9:00 - 9:45 Martin Fejer

Efficient frequency conversion in micro-structured media

9:50 - 10:35 George Stegeman

AlGaAs below half-bandgap: the silicon of nonlinear optical materials

10:40 - 11:10 COFFEE BREAK

11:10 - 11:55 Turan Erdogan

Ultrastrong UV photosensitivity in germanosilicate glass loaded with hydrogen

12:30 LUNCH

6:00 pm DINNER

Monday Evening: New laser technologies

Discussion Leader: J. Feinberg

7:30 - 8:15 Richard Slusher

Semiconductor microdisk lasers

8:20 - 9:05 David Hanna

Up-conversion lasers

Tuesday

7:45 - 8:45 BREAKFAST

8:45 - 9:00 GROUP PHOTOGRAPH

Tuesday Morning: Soliton interactions

Discussion Leader: J. Sipe

9:00 - 9:45 Grover Swartzlander Jr.

Optical vortex solitons in nonlinear refractive media

9:50 - 10:35 Alejandro Aceves

Soliton interaction in fiber arrays

10:40 - 11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**
11:10 - 11:55 Martyn deSterke
12:30 **LUNCH** Gap solitons

6:00 pm **DINNER**

Tuesday Evening: Spatial-temporal dynamics in optical systems

Discussion Leader: K. Otsuka
7:30 - 8:15 William Firth

Spatio-temporal dynamics in nonlinear optical systems

8:20 - 9:05 Jerry V. Moloney

Turbulence and regular patterns in wide aperture lasers

9:10 - late **POSTER SESSION**

Wednesday

7:45 - 9:00 **BREAKFAST**

Wednesday Morning: Atom trapping and cooling

Discussion Leader: S. Gilbert
9:00 - 9:45 Carl Wieman

Optically trapped atoms — a unique and simple medium for nonlinear optics

9:50 - 10:35 Gilbert Grynberg

The trapping of atoms in optical crystals: the quantization of motion and generated nonlinear signals

10:40 - 11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**
11:10 - 11:55 Peter Zoller
12:30 **LUNCH**

Spectroscopy of cold atoms

6:00 pm **DINNER**

Wednesday Evening: Field induced interference

Discussion Leader: A. Kaplan
7:30 - 8:15 Marlan O. Scully
8:20 - 9:05 Dan Elliot

*Field induced atom interference effects
Observations of interference between optical Interactions*

9:10 - late **POSTER SESSION**

Thursday

7:45 - 9:00 **BREAKFAST**

Thursday Morning: High field effects

Discussion Leader: D. Bloom
9:00 - 9:45 Paul Corkum

*Atoms and molecules in high fields
Terahertz nonlinear excitations of Rydberg states*

9:50 - 10:35 Phil Bucksbaum

10:40 - 11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**
11:10 - 11:55 Roger Falcone

Terahertz through xray generation from high intensity laser interactions with gases and solids

12:30 **LUNCH**

6:00 pm **DINNER** **Lobster and Clam Bake**

7:30 - 8:55 **Business meeting (selection of the 1995 Vice-Chair, etc.[†])**

Thursday Evening: Optical physics

Discussion Leader: Wayne Knox

7:55 - 8:00 **Closing reminders by Tim Radley**

8:00 - 8:45 Ian Walmsley *Nonclassical dynamics of molecular vibrational wavepackets*

8:50 - 9:35 Paul Planken *Terahertz quantum beasts in quantum wells*

Friday

7:30 - 8:30 **BREAKFAST**

Friday Morning: Applications of nonlinear optics

Discussion Leader: H. Winful

8:30 - 9:15 Alois Renn *From spectroscopy of single atoms to information storage*

9:20 - 10:05 Stuart MacCormack *Phase-locking of laser diode arrays*

10:10 - 10:40 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:40 - 11:25 Shimon Weiss *Ultrafast scanning probe microscopy*

11:30 **LUNCH**

12:30 **BUS DEPARTS**

[†]*The Gordon Research Conference International Activities Subcommittee asks us to consider holding a meeting at one of the Gordon Research foreign sites. As the field of Lasers and Nonlinear Optics has a large non-US contingent, it could make sense to do so. They assure us that we will not give up our scheduling seniority by missing one conference in New England.*

If as a group we have an interest in such a meeting, we need to have a foreign co-Chair who can work with the upcoming Chair (Yaron Silberberg). We can elect such a co-Chair, or he/she can be selected by the Chair.

At this moment there are six foreign conferences — three in Italy in the Spring and three in Germany in the Fall. Also two conferences were held in Hawaii last November. — DZA

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